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Rhode Island's establishment employment rose by 1,000 in November to 459,900, primarily the result of seasonal gains in Nonmanufacturing which more than offset a small decrease in the number of factory jobs, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security. Despite the monthly job gain, a year-to-year comparison of November levels shows a decline of 2,800 jobs. However, half of this is due to the impact of a labor dispute in the Communications sector which was not settled until after the mid-month survey period.

Nonmanufacturing employment advanced by 1,200 to the November level of 347,800, and was up 400 compared to the same month a year ago. Pre-holiday hiring boosted Trade employment by 1,400 in November, while overall Government jobs increased 500 from last month. In contrast, monthly employment in Services was off 600, followed by a seasonal downturn of 100 in Contract Construction. Job levels in both Transportation/Public Utilities and Finance/Insurance/Real Estate showed no change from the previous month.

Total factory employment in the state fell by 200 in the October-November period to 112,100; in addition, this figure is 3,200 below the year ago level of 115,300. Employment in the Durable Goods category was unchanged from last month, while the Nondurable Goods producing industries were down 200. Monthly job gains of 100 each were recorded in Fabricated Metals, Electrical Machinery and Food-Beverage. Contrary to this, monthly employment declines of 100 each were posted in Lumber/Furniture, the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment, Textiles, Apparel and Chemical Products. The remaining factory segments - six in Durable Goods and five in Nondurable Goods reported stable employment from October to November.

The November work week averaged 39.3 hours, up 0.1 of an hour from both last month and a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.20 in November, up 4 cents from October and 41 cents from November 1988.

Rhode Island's unemployment rates showed little change in November increasing by only a tenth of a percentage point on both an unadjusted and seasonally adjusted basis - the former rate stood at 4.1 percent while the latter was estimated at 4.4 percent. Correspondingly, the number of unemployed rose slightly (+ 300) to the November level of 21,600. One year ago, the state's unemployment rates were placed at 2.5 percent (unadjusted) and 2.7 percent (adjusted).

Nationally, the civilian unadjusted unemployment rate advanced to 5.2 percent in November from the previous month's estimate of 5.0 percent. The current U.S. seasonally adjusted rate stands at 5.4 percent, up one-tenth of a percent from the October rate of 5.3 percent.

SEASONS GREETINGS
AND A WORD OF THANKS
TO RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS

John S. Renza, Director, and the staff of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security take this opportunity to extend holiday greetings to the Rhode Island employer community and to all readers of the Employment Bulletin.

A special word of thanks is extended to those employers who assist the Department to determine trends in the State's economy by providing essential employment information each month. Such key indicators as employment levels, weekly production hours and workers earnings become the basis for both state and national reports and statistics prepared and published by this Department.

The Department of Employment Security will continue its efforts to publish accurate and timely data every month to assist users of the Employment Bulletin in reaching decisions and planning for future employment needs.

To all, a Happy and prosperous New Year.

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

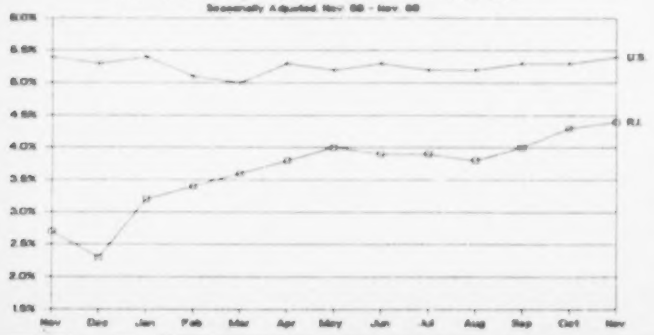
	November 1989	October 1989	November 1988
Civilian Labor Force	532.6	527.6	536.8
Resident Employment	510.9	506.2	523.6
Unemployment	21.6	21.3	13.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.1	4.0	2.5
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	4.4	4.3	2.7

UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	November 1989	October 1989	November 1988
Civilian Labor Force	124,664	124,416	122,639
Resident Employment	118,168	118,194	116,314
Unemployment	6,495	6,222	6,325
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.2	5.0	5.2
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.4	5.3	5.4

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands) Nov. 1989	Oct. 1989	Nov. 1988	NET CHANGE FROM Oct. 1989	Nov. 1988
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	459.9	458.9	452.7	+ 1000	- 2800
MANUFACTURING	112.1	112.3	115.3	- 200	- 3200
NONMANUFACTURING	347.8	346.6	347.4	+ 1200	+ 400
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	22.4	22.5	21.9	- 100	+ 500
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.4*	14.4*	15.9	0	- 1500
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	106.2	104.8	105.7*	+ 1400	+ 500
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	26.6	26.6	26.5	0	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	118.2	118.8	117.3	- 600	+ 900
GOVERNMENT	60.0	59.5	60.1	+ 500	- 100

*Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

November 1989

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	112.1	361.56	39.3	9.20
DURABLE GOODS	76.2	358.81	39.3	9.13
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.0	431.74	39.5	10.93
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.9	487.63	40.2	12.13
PRIMARY METALS	4.4	407.42	40.1	10.16
FABRICATED METALS	8.9	347.73	40.2	8.65
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.6	457.97	41.0	11.17
ELECTRICAL MACH.	10.8	345.54	39.0	8.86
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	9.1	469.24	39.8	11.79
INSTRUMENTS	4.8	370.60	39.3	9.43
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	21.4	293.53	39.4	7.45
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.3	275.20	34.4	8.00
NONDURABLE GOODS	35.9	367.85	39.3	9.36
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.0	346.62	38.3	9.05
TEXTILES	9.5	323.51	39.5	8.19
APPAREL	2.1	307.63	40.8	7.54
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.6	359.23	40.5	8.87
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.8	469.20	36.4	12.89
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.4	456.14	40.8	11.18
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	384.96	40.1	9.60
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.9	383.84	39.9	9.62
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.2	272.96	40.2	6.79

Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded from the Establishment Employment figures. Current month figures are PRELIMINARY. Prior month and year figures are REVISED.